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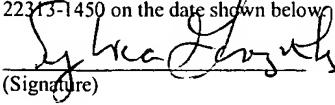
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3,236,619 to Frye, et al.	February 22, 1966	Glass tube forming apparatus
6,595,029 B1 to Dick, et al.	July 22, 2003	Process for device for the production of Internally-hardened glass tubes as well as their use.
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II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Because no action has been taken on the merits, Applicants submit that no fee is due at this time. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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